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HIGHWAY 1 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK AT MOSS LANDING

MONTEREY COUNTY –Crews will begin nighttime construction of a soft median barrier and turnouts along Hwy. 1 through Moss Landing from just north of Hwy. 1/156 separation to just south of Jensen Road next Monday, June 19, Caltrans officials have announced.

The soft median barrier will consist of a 22-inch ground-in rumble strip along the centerline striping and create a no passing zone within the project limits. Work also includes construction of two turnouts northbound and one turnout southbound.

Traffic control will be from 8 pm to 6 am Monday through Thursday only, no work on Friday. There will be a pilot car and one-way reversing traffic control with flaggers. 10-15 minute delays are expected. Electronic message signs will be posted to advise motorists. Work is expected to be complete in September.

The soft median barrier will improve motorist safety and discourage passing, thereby reducing the number of cross-centerline collisions. The turnouts will provide an opportunity for the slow moving vehicles to let the faster moving vehicles pass them safely.

The contractor for this \$554,350 project is Pavex Construction Division of San Jose.

For lane closure information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-372-0862 or can visit our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upmon.htm

